

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8-24 are pending, where claim 7 is cancelled. Claims 10-24 were allowed. Claim 1 was rejected and claims 2, 4, and 6-9 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including the intervening claims.

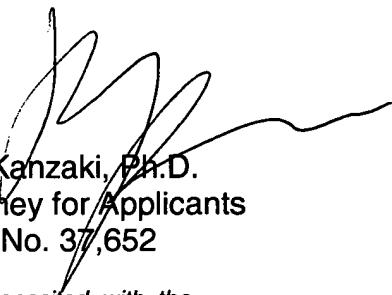
Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 7, thus claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4, 6, and 8-9 should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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